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## THE JOURNAL.

8 o'clock a. m. Business over. No Journals in sightplenty of newsboy and money.



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MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1896.—SIXTEEN PAGES.

## LITTLE GIRL WITH NO MORAL SENSE.

Only Eleven Years Old, but an Adept at Confidence Games.

Has a Comfortable Home, but Takes Keenest Delight in Clever Swindles.

Shows Remarkable Dexterity in Picking Pockets and Quickly Emptying Purses.

IS APPARENTLY DEVOID OF FEAR.

Sentence Has Twice Been Suspended Upon This Young Criminal, but Her Father, a Well-to-Do Citizen of Yonkers, Cannot Control Her.

Pretty little eleven-year-old Annie Rob-bins, of Yonkers, is probably the youngest and most fragile specimen of an accomplished thief in New York State.

She exhibits as much originality and versatility in her methods as if she had been trained and schooled to steal. On the contrary, she lives with honest parents, has a comfortable home and is given more pocket-money than most girls of her age. The little, bright-eyed creature has a bad kink in her moral make-up. She tells of her pocket-picking operation and describes "holding up" the juvenile population with childish glee, and even when threatened with being sent to a reformatory she usual-

The child lives with her mother, father and younger brother at No. 103 Elm street, Youkers. The place is surrounded with ample garden and grounds, in which the children can play, but the little girl slips out at every opportunity to prey upon the unsophisticated villagers.

Her father, Alec Robbins, is a Cornish-

man, with honesty stamped in every line of his rugged face. Ten years ago he came over from Penzance, Cornwall, leaving his wife and Annie, then a year-old baby. In Michigan he made money, and since has brought his entire family to the country. He is a well-to-do master mason, in excellent standing with his fellow-townspeople, and the peculating propensities of his little daughter have caused him the keenest dis-

BEGAN STEALING AT TEN YEARS.

imaginative stories in as many minutes. When they were gone she gleefully pro-duced the dollar. Her father returned it



The Future Mrs. Rolfe. She is now Miss Josephine Jefferson, granddaughter of Joseph Jefferson, and will to-morrow wed a young law yer.

A little over a year ago Annie was accused of stealing a dollar from a person on WOULD NOT BE A BURDEN. MARRIAGE IN A TENT.

Ended the Struggle with a Pistol.

the street. Detectives examined the child, who laughed, and told half a dozen highly Poor and Too III to Work, Miss Bause Miss Josephine Jefferson Will So Be Wedded to Mr. Rulfe at Buzzard's Bay To-Day.



FROM FRANCE TO CUBA FOR A SOLDIER LOVER.

Pretty and Well-Born French Girl Looking for Cadet Poirot.

He Left Versailles to Win Spurs Fighting for the Insurgents.

COULD NOT LONGER BEAR HIS ABSENCE.

Came in the Steamer Gascogne Under an Assumed Name, Stopped Here and Disappeared-Her Picture with the Junta for Identification.

The photograph of Helene Betchart, a young and pretty French nurse, was taken to the office of the Cuban Junta, at No. 50 New street, last Saturday, by Mrs. E. Reynolds, who superintends a bureau of nurses at No. 743 Sixth avenue.

Mrs. Reynolds is looking for the girl, and is of the impression that she either has gone or intends to go to Cuba, and the photograph was left for the purpose of identification, with instructions to the cierk to send her word in case Mile. Betchart

Behind this incident is an interesting story of the devotion of a well-born young girl to a endet, whom she knew and loved when he was a student in the Military School of St. Cyr, near Versailles, France A little less than a month ago the French line steamer Gascogne landed Helene in this city. She travelled in the first cabin under an assumed name, so as to escape detention by persons who she believed and been informed by her parents of her deter

The devoted girl was born in Alsace, but since her early childhood she has lived near the Jeu de Pauline, in Versailles, and won her heart less than a year ago. Poirot loved the pretty little girl, and they became engaged. He was, said his sweetheart, in describing him to Mrs. Reynolds, a dashing, manly, high-spirted fellow, and he longed to distinguish himself on the field there."

to France. I have had ample time to get answers, but, not having a detailed address, I suppose my communications did not reach her people.

"She left the house on Wednesday and has not returned, and I called at the Cuban office, thinking she might have gone there."

"I took an interest in the girl from the "MY FRIEND MR. BELMONT." start, and attempted to persuade her to return to France.

"She told me that Poirot had left Ver-



Pretty French nurse who came from France to New York recently, en route for Cuba, where her sweetheart is supposed to be fighting in the insurgents' ranks.

Wayward Lad Speaks Thus of the Banker floor, knocked for admittance. When Arraigned in Court.





a dashing, manly, high-spirted fellow, and he longed to distinguish himself on the field of battle. For this reason he had started to fight for Free Cuba.

The girl displayed to the woman who is now so interested in her a certificate indicating that she was a professional nurse, and said she did not want employment, but wished to stop over for a few days, preparatory to going to Cuba to find her soldier lover. She was well supplied with clothing and money.

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After a fierce struggle on Saturday night. Captain H.gan, of the Eldridge Street Station, assisted by Officers Cohen and Carter, arrested Moses Grodner, of No. 9½ Essex street. Grodner had long been suspected of conducting a lottery from the paratory to going to Cuba to find her soldier lover. She was well supplied with clothing and money.

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Grodner called out:
"Who's there?" and upon being informed daced the dollar. Her father returned it to the owner and threatened the child with unspeakable punishment should such a thing occur again.

Annie cannot be frightened. She has never been known to weep in fear or remorse. Only her temper brings tears to her eyes. Lots of little things were missed wherever the little Robbins girl had been seen about; yet she was such a gentle, kindly little creature, always doing things to oblige even perfect strangers, that peo

dressed and where he lived since leaving home, this worldly-wise infant declined to reply.

To know my book," he said, "and when i need a suit of clothes or any laundry work I know where to get them."

The Martin boy was held for trial in \$200 bonds on a criminal charge, and young Seidermann was turned over to the Gerry Society by Magistrate Deuel as a witness against Martin.

Body Found in North River.

The dead body of an unknown man was found in the North River, with street, yesterday. The man was about forty years old, with smooth face and dark hair and was partly hald. He man was about forty years old, with smooth face and dark hair and was partly hald. He man was not accomposed. It was taken to the Morgue,

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Result of the Company's Order Reducing the Number of Cars on Each Train.

Four Hundred Men Practically Thrown Out of Employment During the Summer Months

OFFICERS SAY IT WAS NECESSARY.

Decreased Receipts of the Road Attributed to the Improved Facilities for Rapid Transit Over Several Surface Lines.

There is a likelihood of a general strike

on all the "L" roads in this city. Heretofore trains on the Sixth avenue, the Ninth avenue and the Third avenue lines have been made up of no less than five cars and an engine, while the Second avenue line never had less than four cars to its trains. Yesterday all trains on the Third, Sixth and Ninth avenue lines were cut down to four cars each. This order re-duces the number of employes by about 400. It is said that after the present week but three cars each will be used on the Sec-

The men were not discharged outright, but were placed on the "extra" list. This means that their only chance of work duriug the Summer will be when the "regu-lars" are sick or on leaves of absence. The reasons assigned by the officers of the Manhattan Elevated Company for the order were that it had always been the custom to curtail expenses from June until September on account of a falling off in traffic during those months. The decrease this year, they owing to the improved facilities for rapid transit on the Broadway, Columbus avenue and Lexington avenue surface lines.

The men, however, say that there has never been such a general cut before, and an attempt to organize a united strike to resist it is on foot. No move will be made, however, until a committee appointed by

SZI East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, also charged with selling lottery tickets. Kline is seventy-one years old, but he was reported doing a remarkably good business in spite of his advanced age. He walved examination and was held for trial in bonds of \$300.

NURSES FOR BABY MONKEY.

All the Zoo Attendants Agree That the Little Creature Must Live.

The baby monkey and the baby monkey's mother were doing about as well as could be expected yesterday. By the advice of her physician, Mrs. Cleopatra Max, as the mother of the baby is known, was not permitted to see visitors. An exception was made by Keeper Jake Cooke in favor of a few friends, who thereby had the privilege of seeling the almost human way in brief the life of Judge Excelling in brief the life of Judge Maynard from boy.